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SUBJECT: SANTANA PLANS RESIGNATION

REFS: (A) SANTIAGO 8819, (B) SANTIAGO 9968, (C) SANTIAGO 10864,
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1. BUILLERMO SANTANA, OUSTED PRESIDENT OF THE COPPER WORKERS
CONFEDERATION (CTC) TOLD LABATT THAT EFFECTIVE MARCH 1 , 1977
HE HAS DECIDED TO RESIGN HIS JOB AT THE COPPER REFINERY IN
POTRERILLOS AND SIMULTANEOUSLY AS PRESIDENT OF HIS 2,000
MAN LOCAL. SANTANA DENIED BEING PRESSURED TO DO SO AND INSISTED
HIS DECISION IS VOLUNTARY. HE SAID THAT THE RESIGNATION WOULD
MEAN ABOUT NINE THOUSAND DOLLARS IN SEVERANCE PAY WHICH HE
PLANS TO INVEST IN A GROWING RETAIL TRADE BUSINESS. HE UNDERSTANDS
THAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL NOW APPOINT A NEW EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR HIS
LOCAL AS IT DID WHEN IT REMOVED HIM AS PRESIDENT OF THE
CONFEDERATION.

2. SANTANA SAID THAT GUSTAVO VALDEZ, THE TREASURER AND ONLY OTHER
OFFICER IN HIS LOCAL, IS ALSO LEAVING AT THE SAME TIME. VALDEZ
HAS SILICOSIS AND WILL RETIRE AND MOVE TO SANTIAGO TO OPEN A
SMALL BUSINESS. SANTANA SAID THAT VALDEZ HAD PLANNED TO RETIRE
YEARS AGO BUT STAYED ON TO HELP HIM.

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3. COMMENT: AFTER FEBRUARY 28, SANTANA WILL NO LONGER BE ELIGIBLE
FOR ANY CTC UNION POST, WHICH EFFECTIVELY TORPEDOES LOCAL AND
INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS TO GET HIM REINSTATED AS CTC PRESIDENT.
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